

A RESOLUTION to honor Coach Roy Sewell for his outstanding tenure as White County boys' basketball coach.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected Representatives of this legislative body should honor those exemplary citizens who have truly reached the pinnacle of personal and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS, Coach Roy Sewell is one such person whose esteemed career as a high school coach and mentor for young people warrants special commendation; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sewell graduated from White County High School in Sparta, where he is remembered for his outstanding athleticism; excelling both in football and basketball for the Warriors; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Coach Sewell continued playing the game he loved at David Lipscomb University, serving two years as the men's basketball team captain, and playing on one of the few David Lipscomb teams to ever beat Vanderbilt; and

WHEREAS, at David Lipscomb, Coach Sewell's incredible athletic ability was once again evident as he played a second sport, this time, baseball; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his degree in 1952, Coach Sewell began his brilliant coaching career at York Institute in Jamestown, after which he returned to his alma mater, White County High School; and

WHEREAS, since becoming the White County High School boys' basketball coach some 35 years ago, Coach Sewell has had an impressive career, winning well over 600 games; and

WHEREAS, during his prodigious coaching career, Roy Sewell has had six teams advance to the state tournament, compiling a remarkable tournament record of 10-6 with the likes of such teams as the "Blitz Kids" of the 1970s and "Roy's Boys" in the 1980s; Coach Sewell's Warriors have defeated the number one ranked team in the state four times; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his exceptional coaching abilities and his consummate leadership skills by his peers and associates, Coach Sewell was named TSSAA Coach of the Year in 1966; and, appropriately in that same year, a young athlete under his charge, Robert Agee, was selected as Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, being inducted into the David Lipscomb University Hall of Fame in 1994 was surely one of the highlights of this coach's exciting career; and

WHEREAS, knowing that success in the classroom is as important as success on the basketball court, Coach Sewell has been a dedicated teacher of American History and Driver's Education for many years; and

WHEREAS, his numerous honors and accolades aside, Coach Sewell is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his devoted wife, June; their two children, Greg and Kim; and two grandchildren, Crockett and Shellia; and

WHEREAS, it is only proper that we pause to specially recognize the numerous successes of Coach Sewell and the tremendous contributions he has made to White County basketball and Tennessee high school athletics; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Coach Sewell on 35 outstanding years as the White County High School boys' basketball coach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we honor Coach Sewell for his exemplary commitment to the athletic development of young people and for the example he sets as a coach and a leader, extend to him our warm regards, and wish him an equally happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Sewell and White County High School, with this final clause omitted from such copies.